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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner is warmly thanked for the suggestions on paragraphs 56 and 57 of the Office Action on how to overcome the rejections. Furthermore, the Examiner is thanked for the interview conducted on February 14, 2006. In said interview, Applicants' attorney Joseph Nguyen provided a proposed amendment, and the Examiner stated that the feature "the computing system having no prior knowledge of a data type," if incorporated into the independent claim, would appear to overcome the prior art of record. However, the Examiner also indicated that such amendment would also change the scope of the invention and requires a further search. Applicants are submitting the current preliminary amendment together with the RCE filing to facilitate search and, if appropriate, allowance.

Drawings and Issues under 35 USC 112

In response to the rejection under 35 USC 112 and to the objection to the drawings, claim 18 is hereby canceled, thereby obviating the rejection and objection thereunder.

Drawings and Issues under 35 USC 103

As discussed, Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to add the feature "the computing system having no prior knowledge of a data type specification transmitted by the first sensor upon the transmitting the command to get the reportable specification".

As the Examiner suggested in said interview and reflected in the Interview Summary copy (unofficial) received by Applicants' attorney, this amendment overcomes the current rejection based on the prior art of record.

Summary

In view of the above, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees to process this Amendment, or credit any over-payments that may apply, to our Deposit Account No. 50-2284 (Order No.LMRX-P079/P0602).

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